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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - DECEMBER 17

1. U.S. COVERAGE IS LIGHT.  
--PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS WASHINGTON ITEM CITING U.S.

PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER MAY RE-APPOINT FORMER SECDEF SCHLESINGER TO THAT POST. ITEM MENTIONS SENATOR JACKSON'S TRIP TO PLAINS AND AN AFL-CIO STATEMENT AGAINST DETENTE. ITEM ALSO NOTES REPORT THAT FINAL FORD ADMINISTRATION BUDGET WILL ASK 123 BILLION FOR DEFENSE. AGAINST THIS TASS REPORTS NYT EDITORIAL SAYING THAT APPOINTMENT OF SCHLESINGER WOULD BE A "SIGNAL OF A TURN TOWARD COLD WAR" AND WOULD REPRESENT A STEP AWAY FROM DETENTE.

--PRAVDA REPORTS A CPUSA PARTY TO MARK BREZHNEV'S BIRTHDAY AND CARRIES THE TEXT OF A GREETING MESSAGE APPROVED AT RECENT PARTY PLENUM.

--IZVESTIYA CARRIES A VERY LONG ARTICLE BY V. KOBYSH FROM OKLAHOMA REPORTING INTEREST IN THAT STATE IN MORE TRADE WITH THE USSR.

## 2. IN OTHER COVERAGE:

--ALL MEDIA FEATURE THE VISIT BY POLISH PARTY CHIEF GIEREK TO AWARD BREZHNEV THE ORDER OF POLISH REBIRTH AND GRAND CROSS, IN CONNECTION BREZHNEV'S 70TH BIRTHDAY.

--KZ HAS SHORT TASS VIENNA REPORT THAT MENTIONS WESTERN TABLING OF DATA AT FINAL PLENARY OF THIS MBFR SESSION CHARGING THAT THIS TACTIC "TESTIFIES" TO WESTERN EFFORTS GAIN ONE-SIDED ADVANTAGES IN TALKS. ITEM HAS NOT APPEARED THUS FAR IN OTHER CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS.

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CONTINUE COVERAGE OF IRISH FONMIN FITZGERALD VISIT NOTING CONVERSATIONS, AND LUNCH WITH GROMYKO IN "WARM AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE", MEETING WITH PODGORNYY, AND SIGNING OF AGREEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND SCIENTIFIC-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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--PRAVDA PRINTS TASS MADRID REPORT OF SPANISH REFERENDUM RESULTS INDICATING 94.2 PERCENT OF VOTES FOR GOVERNMENT SHOWS FAILURE OF RIGHTIST CAMPAIGN FOR NEGATIVE VOTE, BUT POINTING OUT THAT LEFT CALLED FOR BOYCOTT AND MORE THAN 22.6 PERCENT OF VOTERS DID NOT PARTICIPATE.

--PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE TASS BONN STORY OF SCHMIDT PRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM TO BUNDESTAG. ITEM FOCUSES ON SCHMIDT'S COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE DETENTE AND DEVELOP COOPERATION WITH EAST, MENTIONS COMING BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN AND POINTS OUT SCHMIDT'S STRESS ON RELATIONS WITH GDR AND STRICT OBSERVANCE AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF QA ON WEST BERLIN.

--ALL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS CARRY A TASS ANNOUNCEMENT OF FURTHER SOVIET ROCKET TESTS IN A SPECIFIED AREA OF THE NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN DECEMBER 20 AND 30. THE ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO SAID THAT THE TESTS ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 10 WERE CONCLUDED AS OF DECEMBER 16.

--PRAVDA FRONT-PAGES THE CPSU CC MESSAGE TO THE 18TH CONGRESS OF THE ISRAELI CP AND THE SAME NEWSPAPER CARRIES A LONG UNSIGNED ARTICLE PRAISING THAT PARTY AND WISHING THE CONGRESS SUCCESS. PRAVDA ALSO CARRIES A TASS DAMASCUS REPORT ON CONTINUING FRICTIONS BETWEEN ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES AND ARAB RESIDENTS OF THE WEST BANK. ITEM IS FOLLOWED BY A SHORT COMMENTARY BY "OBSERVER" IRINA POGODINA DENOUNCING TEL AVIV'S "EXPANSIONIST COURSE" IN THE "OCCUPIED TERRITORIES".

--PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS LUSAKA REPORT ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT NINE AFRICAN POLITICAL PARTIES OF NAMIBIA HAD DECIDED TO UNITE WITH SWAPO.

--PRAVDA REPORTS THAT SOVIET-MONGOLIAN PROTOCOL ON GOODS EXCHANGE AND PAYMENTS FOR 1977 WAS SIGNED IN MOSCOW ON DECEMBER 16 BY SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER GRISHIN AND MONGOLIAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER OCHIR.

--PRAVDA, COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN, BY YURIY ANINSKIY, DENOUNCES THAI PREMIER TANIN'S REPORTED EFFORT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO TURN ASEAN TOWARD "THE CHARACTER OF A MILITARY PACT". THE ARTICLE CITES PRESS COMMENTS FROM OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES OPPOSING THE IDEA.

--PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS GEORGETOWN ITEM REPORTING THE ELECTION SUCCESS OF JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY AND HIS PARTY DESPITE ALLEGED CIA INTERFERENCE.

--KZ CARRIES A LONG COMMENTARY WARNING AGAINST THE ALLEGED RISE OF MILITARIST INFLUENCES IN JAPAN. ARTICLE INCLUDES A GRAB-BAG OF EVIDENCE STRETCHING OVER SEVERAL YEARS AND WARNS THAT MILITARIST COURSE IS NOT IN JAPAN'S INTERESTS.

--TODAY'S BREZHNEV BIRTHDAY PAEAN IS BY PRAVDA COMMENTATOR YURIY ZHUKOV, WHO CONCENTRATES ON THE GENERAL-SECRETARY'S VISITS TO FRANCE, THE U.S. AND THE FRG, AND MORE BROADLY ON HIS SUPPORT FOR THE FORCES OF PEACE ON EARTH.

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